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REMARKS

Claims 10-24 remain in this application. Claims 10, 15 and 22 have been amended. New claims 23 and 24 have been added.

Claims 10-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claims 10 and 22, the Examiner contends that the phraseology "an access opening adequately large for inserting said carrier module" is not readily understood. Applicant has amended this phrase to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Claims 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Szerdahelyi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,076,882). Szerdahelyi discloses an inner door panel 1b with an opening 10 through which an outer door panel 1a is visible. A module support 3 including a mounted window lift mechanism 31 closes the opening 10. In the upper area of the module support 3, there are two assembly openings 3a and 3b. The window lift mechanism 31 is mounted on the side of the module support 3 which faces the outer door panel 1a or the wet side. Applicant's claims require an access opening sized to allow entry of the carrier module in an interior space of the door to close the opening. The Examiner contends that the access opening of Applicant's invention is equivalent to the assembly openings 3a and 3b of Szerdahelyi. In Szerdahelyi, the openings 3a and 3b are in the module support 3, and are therefore smaller than the module support 3. In Applicant's claims, the access opening is sized to allow entry of the entire carrier module. Therefore, as the openings 3a and 3b of Szerdahelyi are smaller than the module support 3, the openings 3a and 3b cannot be sized to allow entry of the module support. There is no anticipation, and Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 14-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Szerdahelyi in view of Carlo (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,875). Carlo discloses a sealed module for a vehicle door. As shown in the Figure, the window raiser 6 is mounted on the dry side of the module 1 which faces away from the exterior door panel. In Szerdahelyi, the window lift mechanism 31 is mounted on the wet side and faces the exterior of the door. As Szerdahelyi requires a window lifter on the wet side of the door, it would be not possible or obvious to employ the window raiser of Carlo in

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Szerdahelyi. The combination is not suggested, and Applicant's respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C. in the amount of \$36.00 for two additional dependent claims. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Thus, claims 10-26 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

- CLAIMS -

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

10. (AMENDED) A motor vehicle door comprising:

an interior sheet metal;

an exterior sheeting;

a hollow interior space formed between said exterior sheeting and said interior sheet metal;

an opening in said interior sheet metal;

a carrier module that closes said opening and carries at least one functional part of said motor vehicle door, said carrier module including a base plate which closes said opening of said interior sheet metal from a side of said hollow interior space of said door; and

an access opening sized large enough to allow entry of [adequately large for inserting] said carrier module [including said at least one functional part] into said interior space of said door.

15. (AMENDED) The motor vehicle door as recited in claim 10 wherein said carrier module carries a window lifting arrangement including a pair of guide rails [of] which are rigidly connected[.] for a window pane which is [, arc] lifted and lowered [and rigidly connected].

22. (AMENDED) A motor vehicle door comprising:

an interior sheet metal;

an exterior sheeting;

a hollow interior space formed between said exterior sheeting and said interior sheet metal;

an opening in said interior sheet metal;

a carrier module that closes said opening and carries a window lifting arrangement, said window lifting arrangement including a pair of rigidly connected guide rails for a window pane which is lifted and lowered, said carrier module further including a base plate which closes said opening from a side of said hollow interior space of said door; and

an access opening sized to allow entry of [adequately large for inserting] said carrier module [including said pair of guide rails] into said interior space of said door.